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MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: U. S. Policies and Programs in the Economic Field Which May Affect the War Potential of the Soviet Bloc

REFERENCE: NSC 104/2

At the request of the Secretary of Defense, the attached views and comments of the Joint Chiefs of Staff with respect to the reference report on the subject are circulated herewith for the information of the National Security Council in connection with Council consideration of NSC 104/2 at its meeting on April 11, 1951.

JAMES S. LAY, Jr.  
Executive Secretary

cc: The Secretary of the Treasury  
The Secretary of the Interior  
The Secretary of Agriculture  
The Secretary of Commerce  
The Director of Defense Mobilization  
The Economic Cooperation Administrator  
The Director, Bureau of the Budget

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
Washington 25, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: U. S. Policies and Programs in the  
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1. With reference to your memorandum dated 5 April 1951, above subject, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, from the military point of view, have no objection to those United States policies which are proposed in NSC 104/2. They note the omission of any reference to Hong Kong and Macao in this paper but understand that the problem of those two localities is being handled as a separate study. The Joint Chiefs of Staff believe that that study should recommend that the interim policy of the Department of Commerce for processing export licenses and applications for Hong Kong and Macao be approved without substantive modification as United States policy.

2. The Joint Chiefs of Staff urge that the policies in NSC 104/2 be applied stringently and that new methods be sought to curtail exports to the Soviet bloc.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

/s/ General Omar N. Bradley

OMAR N. BRADLEY,  
Chairman,  
Joint Chiefs of Staff.